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DEPT PASS TO L.R. SHELTON, FDA/OIA

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SUBJ: REJECTION OF ABBOTT LAB PETITION FOR GENERAL USE OF  
CYCLAMATES SWEETENER

1. DR. TAKAO MAKI, DEP. DIR. FOOD CHEMISTRY DIV., ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH BUREAU, MIN. HEALTH & WELFARE, HAS PLEADED WITH EMBASSY  
AGRIC ATTACHE AND SCICOUNS TO FURNISH HIM WITH AUTHORITATIVE,  
OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON FDA COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT'S REJECTION  
OF ABBOTT LAB PETITION FOR USE OF CYCLAMATE SWEETENERS IN U.S.

2. GOJ IS INVOLVED IN LAWSUIT ON USE OF CYCLAMATE IN JAPAN  
AND WANTS TO BE ABLE TO CITE OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY SCHMIDT TO  
SUPPORT ITS CASE. MAKI HAS XEROX COPY OF SCHMIDT STATEMENT OF  
MAY 11, 1976 ISSUED BY FDA; EMBASSY HAS COPY OF FDA PRESS  
RELEASE OF MAY 11, 1976, WHICH INCLUDES NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS  
REFERRING TO AVAILABILITY OF SCHMIDT STATEMENT, BUT EMBASSY  
DOES NOT HAVE ITS OWN COPY OF LATTER STATEMENT. EMBASSY GAVE  
MAKI COPY OF PRESS RELEASE, BUT THIS MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT  
FOR GOJ PURPOSES. LITIGANTS IN JAPANESE CASE WILL NOT ACCEPT  
GOJ COPY OF SCHMIDT STATEMENT AS AUTHENTIC, AND TECHNICIALLY  
EMBASSY CANNOT VERIFY THAT GOJ COPY IS TRUE COPY.

3. PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED QUICKLY IF FDA CAN GIVE FEDERAL  
REGISTER CITATION OF ACTION TAKEN ON ABBOTT PETITION. WE HAVE  
LOOKED THROUGH FEDERAL REGISTER FOR PERIOD AROUND MAY 11 BUT ARE  
UNABLE TO FIND REFERENCE TO CYCLAMATE MATTER. REQUEST REPLY  
ASAP.

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